

REMARKS**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadea (U.S. Patent No. 7,075,140) in view of Chang (U.S. Patent No. 5,687,118). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Spadea claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/525,580, filed on November 26, 2003. However, the present application has a filing date of October 23, 2003 and thus predates Spadea. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Spadea does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and thus the rejection fails to state a proper *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Therefore, claims 1-4 and 8 are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has not amended claims 5-7 in that claims 5-7 depend from claim 1 and are thus allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 9-28 and 42-62 were allowed.

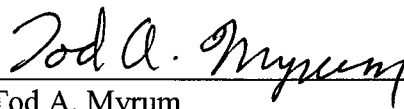
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2208.

Respectfully submitted,

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